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## CANDY STACK

Mike Anderson demonstrates caramel stacking during the trick and treat event at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Oct. 30. See more photos on page 22.  
*Photo By Lisa Gervais.*

## End of an era as Bishops sell Sir Sam's

By Lisa Gervais

Some of Chris Bishop's earliest memories at Sir Sam's ski hill were falling off the T-bar because he didn't know how to use it. As he got older, he got to run the lift, and remembers getting the odd Friday afternoon off of school to ride snowmobiles up and down the hill to pack the snow for the coming weekend.

Bishop said the family decision to sell Sir Sam's Ski/Ride isn't bittersweet at all although it has stirred up memories.

"It's time to move on. We're all excited and happy. There is certainly sweet but there's not bitterness about it at all," he said.

The Bishop family announced via a news release Nov. 2 that they had sold to the Wilkinson family, long-time cottagers and ski hill aficionados who hail from Oshawa.

Chris Bishop said the Wilkinsons have been skiing at Sir Sam's for 15 years so know the local business well and liked what they saw. He added they are younger and enthusiastic about trying new things.

That will include renovations to the chalet and introducing a new food experience, Rhubarb on the Hill, in December. He added they have ideas for more off-season events.

Members of the Bishop family are staying on this winter to help with the transition and some might remain as employees.

The Wilkinsons have so far declined to comment.

Bishop said another lasting memory from their 56 years at the hill is the many lifelong friendships they have made. He thanked

customers, suppliers, tradespeople and staff.

Sir Sam's Ski/Ride was founded in 1965.

"We could not have done this without your support," the Bishop family said in the media release. "Our father and mother, Bob and Noreen, had a dream and a vision all those years ago to create a winter skiing facility that would promote Haliburton and Eagle Lake as a winter destination and that it would become an economic driver for the entire Haliburton Highlands. They accomplished this goal."

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## COUNTY NEWS

### Councillors mull in-person meetings

Ahead of December's warden selection, CAO Mike Rutter urged council to provide direction as to if and when council might return to in-person meetings.

"At some point, we really need some direction about the inaugural meeting and whether or not it will be virtual," he said. "That requires some planning."

Each year, councillors select a warden; last year Danielsen and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin squared off for the position.

Multiple councillors said they would appreciate moving back to in-person meetings.

Dysart deputy mayor Pat Kennedy said "I would move that we try to move to in-person as soon as possible"

Councillors Cec Ryall and Lisa Schell mentioned masks and distances might make it difficult to hear presenters, especially since the meeting would most likely be broadcast online as well.

"It will not be a great viewing experience," said Rutter, "but it is certainly doable," explaining how the County has purchased cameras and TV screens to prepare for meeting broadcasts.

"We do have the ability to keep people apart and broadcast," he said.

Danielsen said the live streaming, while "not great" does maintain the requirement of keeping meetings accessible.

While the issue was not voted on,

Danielsen suggested the inaugural meeting will be held virtually and council will discuss in-person meetings in November.

### Staff recognized for long-term service

While the recognition is usually an in-person affair, Warden Liz Danielsen congratulated multiple County staff members for service milestones.

"How fortunate we are to have staff that remain loyal and stay with us for so many years," she said. It makes me proud to see the number of people who stay with us."

Those recognized include: Richard Balas, paramedic, Haliburton County Paramedic Services (HCPS), 20 years; Kevin Fairey, stockkeeper, public works department, 20 years; Cathy Howe, receptionist/admin clerk, planning department, 20 years; Amy Brohm, admin assistance, HCPS, 15 years; Jennifer Iles, paramedic, HCPS, 15 years; Mike March, director of IT, IT department, 15 years and Trish Sweeting-Hogg, paramedic, HCPS, 15 years of service.

### County purchases excavator

The County's excavator will be replaced at a cost of \$524,000. A staff report presented to council explained how the previous excavator, purchased in 2002, proved to be



IT director Mike March has been recognized for 15 years of service. *File.*

an "important piece of equipment within the County's fleet."

The machinery's replacement falls under the fleet's 10-year replacement plan. Instead of a 2022 model, the County will purchase a 2021 demonstrator and dispose of the

older machine with an estimated return of \$25,000 to \$40,000.

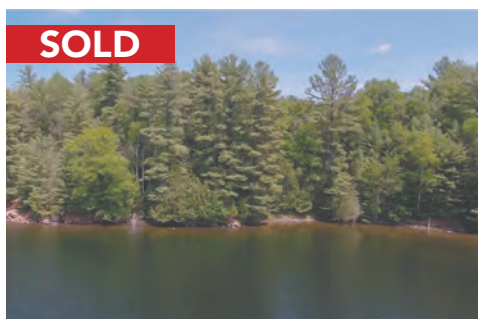
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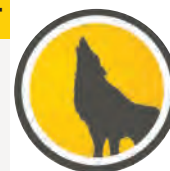
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## 'Friends' want to protect Grass Lake

By Mike Baker

A proposed development that could see 88 new condominium units built along Peninsula Road has drawn the ire of residents, who believe the project will have a detrimental effect on the water quality in Grass Lake.

As reported by *The Highlander* in September, Harburn Holdings Ltd. has submitted an official plan and zoning bylaw amendment application to Dysart and a land severance request to Haliburton County, which calls for the development of around 8.3 hectares of vacant land on the west side of Grass Lake.

Initial plans include construction of two multi-residential buildings and one commercial unit. If approved, it would more than double the existing residential capacity of Grass Lake, which currently has 57 waterfront homes. The lake also supports the Haliburton hospital and two commercial businesses.

Carolyn Langdon and her family have lived in the area for more than 50 years. She said she was appalled when she learned about the plans. As she sought information, she connected with fellow residents, Don Ross and Lynda Williams. The trio has formed the Friends of Grass Lake, an environmental conservation organization.

"Our goal is to educate the public about what's going on. We want to protect this land and, ultimately, protect Grass Lake," Langdon said.

The group's chief concern is further development on the lake, particularly of this magnitude, could be "catastrophic" for long-term water quality and animal habitats. Plans call for the removal of 50 per cent of trees, while some of the wetlands will be adapted to make way for walking paths and a floating dock.

Langdon said it's currently home to several rare aquatic plants, which help feed a significant fish habitat. There is also evidence to suggest that Blanding's turtles, an endangered species, reside in the area.

Harburn's planning consultant, Anthony Usher, wrote the township to indicate



Don Ross, Lynda Williams and Carolyn Langdon have formed the Friends of Grass Lake. The activist group intends to challenge a proposal to develop just over eight hectares of land on Peninsula Road that overlooks Grass Lake. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

nothing in the proposal would "offend the habitat requirements" of the Blanding's turtle as outlined by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

In addressing water quality concerns, Usher pointed to an extensive environmental impact study (EIS) and wetland site assessment, carried out last spring, endorsing the proposal. The report, conducted by Bracebridge-based Michalski Nielsen Associates, and a hydrogeological assessment of the land, are currently being peer reviewed by Dysart.

"My view of the EIS is ... they have followed, from my experience, what are best practices. They have outlined a number of measures within their report to mitigate impact [on the lake]. Yes, trees will be cut further back, but the 30-metres [of wetlands along the shore] is going to be protected," Usher said.

He added there are two things that can

change water quality and lake health. One is an imperfect sewage system. However, he said the development will be on municipal sewage, "generally considered to be the gold standard today." He said the other contributor is stormwater.

"We didn't do a detailed stormwater management study, to do that you have to have a detailed plan for the site, but the EIS addresses that and puts in a whole bunch of recommendations for mitigation of constructive impacts which [will be followed]," he said.

Ross claimed the land is "totally unrecognizable" from 2003, when Paul Wilson bought it.

"I think the filling that has been done has already disturbed the habitat. I think if you put in people and asphalt and construction, the building footprints that are being proposed and the light pollution that comes with all of that, I think that will irreparably

change the course of this habitat," Ross said.

Jeff Iles, Dysart's director of planning, said it was premature to comment on the proposal given the township is reviewing applicants' reports. He said there was no timetable for when this may be officially presented to council and the public.

Usher said he doesn't see any work beginning at the site for at least a couple of years.

Langdon is hoping it never comes. She is wary of the precedent a development like this could set, not only in Dysart but across Haliburton County.

"We are not opposed to development. We acknowledge that these sort of builds are needed in Haliburton, but we have so much surplus land. This sort of development has no business being put next to an environmentally protected zone. It has no business being located on [Grass Lake]."

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## Hughey calls out council on arena pledge

By Lisa Gervais

Frustrated at pushback for better website promotion of the arena fundraising committee, Coun. Jennifer Hughey reminded council at its Oct. 28 meeting that it had publicly made promises it had not fulfilled.

When the arena was given the green light on Feb. 14, 2019, Mayor Brent Devolin boldly suggested the community could raise \$1 million towards outstanding items. A committee was struck in the summer of 2019 and set a \$750,000 goal. COVID-19 largely killed all momentum until Hughey resurrected the committee on May 25, 2021 with a more modest target of \$300,000.

During the meeting, she asked for council approval to canvass for new committee members; use already-raised funds to buy signage for the facility to promote fundraising; and create a pop-up or microsite on the township website.

While council eventually voted in favour of all three, it came after a lengthy discussion in which CAO Trisha McKibbin initially recommended against since a new website is now being worked on to be unveiled in January.

Coun. Pam Sayne was also against. She didn't want busy staff thrown another task especially for the arena. She said she wanted the township to get "back to main business and caught up." She suggested other strategies besides better website promotion.

Devolin suggested a more extensive

conversation was needed between McKibbin and Hughey. But Hughey explained it would be a page within an existing website.

Coun. Bob Carter said he didn't want the committee work delayed until January, which would cause it to lose all momentum. He thought something could be added to the site, such as the current COVID-19 information box that pops up when people go there.

Coun. Jean Neville agreed, "We have to get our fundraising going. It just keeps falling flat. This is an important area to get fundraising up and going and momentum going."

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell said it was an opportunity "to get some of that [money] back via seat sales, I'd like to see it happens sooner rather than later."

Hughey said, "I will reiterate some of the feelings that some of the council members had with regards to this facility. It's very important to continue in the line of already existing media saying that we're going to raise a certain amount of funds to pay some of the mandated items that we've listed. So, as a committee, we've basically stressed our goal to be only \$300,000 and we feel it is very important to raise those funds for the facility ..."

At the moment, Hughey and long-time volunteer Betty Mark are doing most of the committee work with another member resigning. They have been trying to promote a Take a Seat campaign, where



The fundraising committee for the new arena is looking for some help. *File.*

residents and businesses can sponsor one of 294 sets in the new arena with a \$500 donation. A plaque acknowledging the financial contribution will be affixed to each seat, and tax receipts will be issued.

Hughey told the meeting when they relaunched the committee, the momentum

only lasted four or five days and they had not had a call in three months. She said they want to promote buying metres of ice and the walking track as well.

"By no means am I trying to cause any fuss. I'm merely trying to act as chair of this committee," she said.

## MINDEN HILLS NEWS

### New Bell Tower for Canning Lake area

Bell Mobility is proposing to build a 75-metre telecommunications tower at 2354 South Lake Rd.

"This project will meet the telecommunications needs for high quality wireless voice and highspeed wireless internet services around the Canning Lake community and surrounding area," Canacre Ltd. planner, Maria Wood, said in a letter to the township's planning consultant.

Canacre Ltd. is an authorized agent for Bell. Wood added they'd followed public consultation guidelines, including contacting all residents within 225-metres of the proposed tower as well as newspaper ads and Bell Mobility "was available to all residents who may have had a concern regarding the proposed structure."

Darryl Tighe, senior planner for consultant D.M. Wills on behalf of the township, said Bell received comments or questions from 19 people. He said 15 were in support, with four asking questions. There were no objections. He said he was satisfied questions had been answered and all requirements met.

Council also had no objections at its Oct. 28 meeting.

Mayor Brent Devolin said he was pleased to see the positive reception by the public wanting more connectivity.

### Lot for future Highway 35 development

A 2.8-hectare parcel of land north of the Beer Store on Highway 35 in Minden was placed on council's radar at the meeting - with a numbered company proposing to sever the property to create one new lot for commercial development.

According to a planning report, no development is proposed at this time.

The property has frontage on both Highway 35 and Newcastle Street, as well as St. Germaine Street. The company is also applying for rezoning and planner Emma Drake said they'll need an official plan amendment and zoning bylaw amendment as well.

"It is recommended that the consent application be deferred until such time as the required approvals are in place and the theory of development has been confirmed," she said in a report to council. The matter also has to go to the Haliburton County Land Division for consideration.

Devolin commented, "exciting

stuff happening on the Highway 35 development."

Coun. Pam Sayne expressed some concern about the wildlife in the area.

Tighe said the proponents would have to do an environmental impact study. He further noted that wetland mapping by Ducks Unlimited had identified a wetland.

### Gym equipment supplier chosen

Council awarded the tender for equipment for its new gym at the rec centre.

The selected bidder was Johnson Health Technologies Canada Commercial Inc. for \$76,831, which is within council's budget. The money is coming from an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

Director of community services, Craig Belfry, said they are getting six pieces of cardio equipment and a greater variety of strength workstations. They include: two treadmills, one elliptical, one recumbent bike, one upright bike, one rower, three different strength machines and five stretch, functional, free weights.

"Through this process, staff were looking for proposals that brought an inclusive concept for the various users in the facility

and the community, including emphasis on technology and accessibility," Belfry said.

He anticipates everything will be place for January.

Council also set fees for the new fitness centre, including a daily rate of \$5.31 for adults; \$3.54 for youth and seniors; one month adult for \$30.97, youth and senior \$22.12 and for three-month passes: adults \$79.65 and youth and seniors \$57.52.

Council endorsed fees for recreation programs and passes as well. See the township website for rates.

### Minden Subaru to grow

Council has signed off on a site plan agreement to allow an expansion at Minden Subaru.

Tighe said the car dealership is looking at two, separate, modest additions - of 2,670-square-feet - to the south end of the existing building. He said it will be for additional servicing and repair space.

Tighe said the request had been circulated to outside agencies and internal departments.

He said Hydro One has no concerns or objections and the MTO just needs an application permit. (*Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais*).



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## Devolin will watch election from sidelines

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin says he won't be seeking a third term in office.

Devolin hinted at his political future in a social media post Oct. 25 when he said he would be watching the 2022 Minden Hills election "from the sidelines."

He said he had planned to make an announcement Jan. 1, 2022 but took the lead from Toronto Coun. Joe Cressy, who told the public about his pending departure a year out from the next municipal election, scheduled for the last Monday of October.

Devolin said his friends and colleagues in Minden Hills and on County council knew he would be leaving but he wanted to give potential candidates time to prepare.

"It takes you a year worth of legwork if you're actually, legitimately, honestly wanting to do the job," Devolin said in an interview Nov. 2.

Into his eighth year as mayor, Devolin said another factor is that he's tired. "There is a lot of politician and staff fatigue after COVID." He foreshadowed that many will leave municipal politics by next fall. Devolin added he is a firm believer in term limits.

He said he first ran in 2014 as he was unhappy with the state of affairs in Minden

and at the County.

He is pleased with the work he has been able to do on the flooding portfolio, including better communication with the Trent-Severn Waterway and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, as well as lobbying for multi-million-dollar funding for work on County dams. He is also proud of the LiDAR mapping that has been done. "That's a big part of what I wanted to achieve and it's either done or substantially done."

He is also pleased the township was able to build a new fire hall and community centre as well as two affordable housing structures with a third public-private venture on the way along Highway 35 by the legion.

Working with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network on connectivity has been "icing on the cake" he added. "We're in the early days of the actual construction project for the next four or five years for the mobile broadband wireless that we're going to have." With a projected 95 per cent connectivity for Haliburton County, "those are huge lifetime achievement things for me personally."

He said his one regret is that he was not able to push to consolidate local



Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin has announced he won't be seeking re-election. *File.*

government. "I have no hard feelings for those that have a different perspective."

But in the end, he said, "It's been a good ride. I've had some successes and failures. And I don't care whether you're talking baseball or whatever, nobody bats 1,000, right?"

In Minden Hills, he thinks the greatest challenge is unprecedented growth and the impact on the environment.

He also believes the role of a municipal politician has changed drastically since the days of part-timers working off the backs of envelopes.

However, he said "It is now time to apply my efforts to something else other than this and move on. Just because I'm not going to be elected anymore doesn't mean that I'm not going to be engaged in my community or be involved with things that I think will move the needle."

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## Rail Trail ready for snowmobile season

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton County Rail Trail looks to be in fine form for the winter's snowmobile season, said Haliburton County Snowmobile Association president John Enright.

After checking out progress on the granite overlay, Enright said the club is "beyond excited."

"From my memory it's never been in this good a shape going into the season," Enright said, mentioning how the smoother surface means sledders can ride with less snow and maintenance.

The cost of resurfacing 23.3 kilometers of trail totaled \$232,751, funded by an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant.

That left 5.7 kilometers of trail which Hawk River Construction is set to complete by 2022, funded by the County.

The County will spend an additional \$42,390 to complete rail trail resurfacing this year.

In a report to council, director of public works, Robert Sutton, said that staff approved the extra work since the contract "is currently mobilized and time was of the essence."

Staff propose approaching ICIP for additional funding opportunities, using remaining ICIP funds, money allotted to rail trail maintenance and approximately \$21,000 from the rail trail reserve fund in the meantime.

The report states granite screenings are "native to the County and as such they are in keeping with the natural setting of the trail as well as they are more



A portion of the rail trail currently being resurfaced. Photo by Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.

environmentally-responsible and cost-effective in comparison to importing limestone."

Limestone is estimated to cost 23 per cent more than granite, and must also be trucked in from much further away. Sutton told council, "there's a significant greenhouse gas effect" of importing the material.

Dysart mayor Andrea Roberts said she's noticed parts of the new surface make the

trail difficult to use.

"What we have in that section has so much sand in it you cannot ride a regular bicycle," Roberts said. "It feels like you're walking on a beach."

Sutton said the surface should compact, and that staff "are looking at ways we can address a consistent surface."

Also planned are \$27,005 in accessibility improvements, including 15 stone benches

and 500 meters of barriers.

Haliburton Highlands Museum director Kate Butler and Curve Lake First Nations representatives will consult on what culturally and historically important spots along the trail could be marked with signage.

The next Haliburton County Rail Trail round table meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 26 at 1 p.m.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Thursday, November 11, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council will be held virtually, via web conference, at 1:00 PM in the Council Office, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

### (Virtual) Council Meetings

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**November 11**  
Regular Council Meeting 1:00 PM  
**November 25**  
Regular Council Meeting

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## Concerns voiced over shoreline permits

By Sam Gillett

While County council will discuss the draft shoreline preservation bylaw at a special meeting yet to be scheduled, stakeholders have had a week to pour over the consultants' final draft.

The Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) said in a written statement they're "pleased with the progress" that's been made but are concerned about proposed site alteration permitting processes.

"The requirements for this process are far too extensive, time-consuming, and costly," wrote Aggie Tose of the HCHBA.

"The HCHBA is also concerned with time delays to receive approvals. Currently, our local building departments are overloaded and are having a hard time keeping up with the demand. How many more County or municipal employees will be required to make sure this application process operates efficiently and effectively?"

At council's Oct. 27 meeting, Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt said recommendations in the draft need to be paired with a discussion of "who, and with what money, and under what timeline" the bylaw would be implemented and enforced.

"In order to really discuss sort of what resources are required to implement a bylaw we really need a firmer understanding of what will be in the bylaw," said County CAO Mike Rutter.

Schedule 'A' of the draft bylaw outlines a permitting system that would be handled by municipal building departments.

It contains fewer precise requirements than previously suggested in a County-developed draft tabled in Jan. 2021.

Landowners would not have to provide the location of soil or material stockpiles on a site nor the location and dimensions of staging areas for heavy machinery.



A new draft shoreline preservation bylaw suggests a 30-metre vegetative buffer between water and major development. *File.*

The permit requirements can be waived if planning officials judge the work's impact to be minimal.

The draft states all major construction and site alteration activities "will be required to apply for and receive permit approval before such significant projects and activity are undertaken in the buffer area" of 30 metres from a shoreline's high watermark. It also establishes opportunities for residents to speak to council when permits are not approved or delayed.

Concerned Haliburton Waterfront Property Owners, an unofficial group of more than 160 cottage owners, have advocated for a smaller setback of 10 metres, a buffer that peer-reviewed research estimates would eliminate 65 per cent of sediment. The group also lobbies for a less onerous permit system.

"Before this schedule is finalized," states the group's written response to the draft,

"we strongly encourage County officials to meet with the representatives of the homebuilders, landscapers and site services companies to negotiate better requirements in Schedule A that aren't unnecessarily difficult, expensive or inflexible."

Other permitting requirements include documenting existing topography of the site and land within 30 metres of the site, and the locations and dimensions of stormwater management or drainage systems such as ditches and roads within 30 metres of the site.

Environment Haliburton! president Terry Moore, instrumental in the Love your Lakes lake health monitoring project, has studied the environmental impact of development on Haliburton's watersheds for years. He said the permitting approach looks to be far more effective than an after-the-fact complaint system.

"Hopefully this bylaw will begin to alter

what is happening on the shoreline, and we'll be able to save more, stop the erosion of natural shorelines and restore what we've lost so far," said Moore.

Moore added that the County's official plan already indicates a minimum setback of 30 metres from the water.

The document states that "development and site alterations shall be set back a minimum of 30 metres from the high watermark of lakes, rivers and streams."

Unlike the previously proposed draft, the bylaw currently on the table suggests a shoreline buffer of fewer than 30 metres can be permitted if it's not possible for reasons such as lot depth.

The HCHBA said it's "confident there will be more opportunities to speak with council ahead of the bylaw being passed. HCHBA is looking forward to continuing this process and reaching an effective and amicable conclusion."



### Notice of Fee By-Law Amendments

Dysart et al Council, at their November 23rd, 2021 meeting, will be considering changes to By-Law 2021-78, being a by-law to impose fees and charges. A new fee is being proposed for use of the electric vehicle charging station that will be located at the Welcome Centre.

Further information on these fee changes will be available on [www.dysartetal.ca](http://www.dysartetal.ca).

Mallory Bishop, Municipal Clerk



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The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2022 Budget.

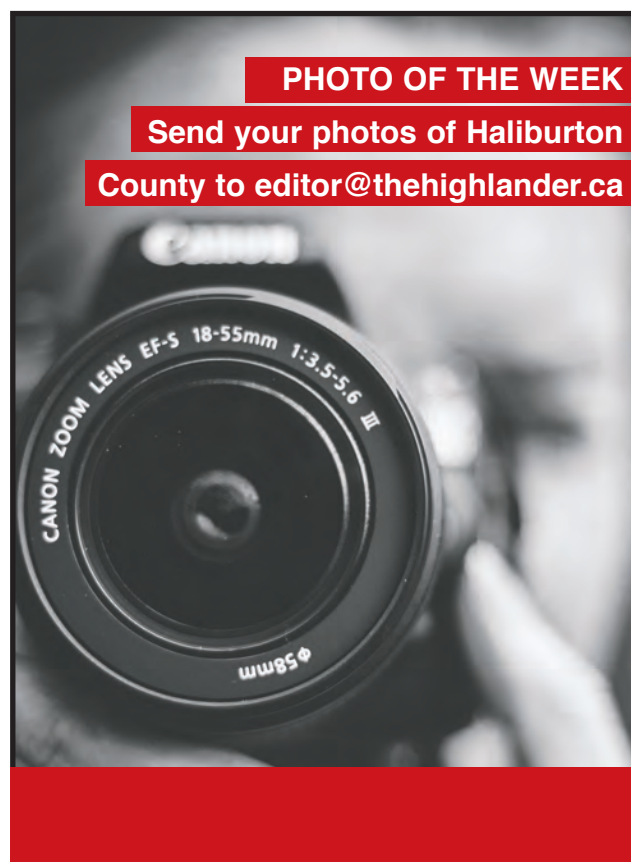
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## Not good enough

Fall has arrived, and with it, the traditional call for help for needy residents.

SIRCH is in the midst of its Share the Warmth winter clothing drive. On Nov. 6, they are inviting those who need cold weather apparel to come to Haliburton and Minden for their giveaway day.

The folks at Heat Bank Haliburton County, Central Food Network are hosting their annual event at Rhubarb Restaurant Nov. 14.

Places for People has just announced its second Sleeping in Cars fundraiser for Nov. 19 to raise money for, and awareness of, homelessness.

And, the Highlands Christmas Shindig is set to return Nov. 27 for that other heat bank ... Fuel for Warmth.

That's just the major ones. We expect numerous others in the lead-up to Christmas. There will be more clothing drives, more food drives and more initiatives aimed at homelessness.

There is no doubt the fundraisers are needed.

The CKL and Haliburton County Poverty Reduction Roundtable has estimated that 17.2 per cent of residents in private households are considered low-income in the Highlands. This includes 22.9 per cent of children 0-17, 18.5 per cent of adults 18-64 and 12.8 per cent of adults 65 and up.

SIRCH has said that it believes that 17.2 per cent may have increased during COVID-19.

The HKPR District Health Unit estimates the child poverty rate is 25 per cent, an increase over the past few years. The health unit also said in 2019 that the 'living wage'

in Haliburton was \$19.42 per hour – what a family of four with both parents working full-time would need to earn to cover basic expenses in 2018. This amount is much higher than Ontario's current minimum wage.

While we applaud the organizers of these events, and the residents who continue to open their wallets and calendars to help out, we repeat our call for the support of initiatives that get to the root causes of poverty.

As a community, we should not take pride in the fact we have two heat banks, or need repeated annual food and clothing drives. What we need is real change.

We know some of the contributing factors include people not being able to get reliable, secure work, affordable housing and child care and healthy food.

As the health unit said a couple of years ago in a post-Christmas press release, local residents can get behind increased social assistance rates; call for people to be paid living wages; support basic employment standards to reduce unstable work and say 'yes' to building more affordable housing units.

Our municipalities have taken a big step of late by waiving fees and charges for those wanting to build affordable housing.

By contrast, our MPP, Laurie Scott, and her government have voted against minimum wage increases - until a bump up to \$15-an-hour this week.

Shortly after the September federal election, The Haliburton County/CKL Roundtable for Ending Poverty said affordable housing, basic income and

national childcare are keys.

We'd like to see MP Jamie Schmale and his Conservatives work with the Liberal government on this three-pronged plan instead of continuing to criticize from the cheap seats.

As the health unit quite rightly pointed out, the local economy is boosted when everyone has stable jobs that pay living wages. Communities are healthier when everyone has a safe and affordable place to live, can afford nutritious food, and are able to participate in recreational activities. Local families will also face less stress, while children can grow, thrive and succeed in school.

So, as the Autumn fundraising season gets underway, here's our call to action:

- Haliburton County residents: By all means continue to help with your time and money but look into supporting solutions that get to the root causes of poverty and hold your politicians accountable.
- Residents affected by poverty: We would like to hear your stories. Agencies say they can't share them because it breaches your confidentiality. However, you can contact us at [editor@thehighlander.ca](mailto:editor@thehighlander.ca) or call 705-457-7177.
- Politicians of all stripes, but specifically Scott and Schmale. We'd like some concrete examples of things you have done, or plan to do, to help find long-term solutions to poverty in Haliburton County.



By Lisa Gervais

## A cheap way to buy votes

So, Ontario's minimum wage is going up. As per Premier Doug Ford, baseline pay for employees across the province will increase on Jan. 1, going up by 65 cents to \$15 an hour. This follows an earlier move, which came into effect in October, to up it by 10 cents to the current \$14.35.

While I'm sure most full-time workers currently earning minimum wage will be pleased to hear that their annual pay packet will receive a bump of \$1,352, it must be said that this increase is miniscule compared to what's actually needed.

And Ford knows that.

It really grinded my gears on Tuesday when the premier was all smiles in making this announcement, putting on a charade that he has long been the champion of increasing pay rates in Ontario.

"For many... wages haven't kept up with the increasing cost of living, making it harder than ever to make ends meet," he first said.

This is true. Canada's inflation rate hit a near 20-year high last month, sitting at 4.4 per cent according to Stats Canada. Taking a deeper dive into those statistics, the price of gasoline has increased by 32.8 per cent since Sept. 2020, while food prices have gone up, on average, 3.9 per cent in the past year. The cost of housing climbed too, up

by 4.8 per cent.

So, while this 4.3 per cent increase to pay is being presented as some huge saviour for minimum-wage workers, the truth is they will still find themselves behind from where they were this time 12 months ago.

And for Ford to say that he "always said workers deserve to have more money in their pockets" is an outright lie. When he was elected in 2018, one of the first things he did was cancel the previous Liberal government's plan to increase the minimum wage to, you guessed it, \$15 an hour by 2019. At the time, Ford claimed a \$15 minimum wage was bad for workers and would lead to substantial layoffs.

What's changed? If anything, businesses are in even more of a precarious position today than they were three years ago, thanks to the pandemic.

The only real difference from now and then is that Ford is coming up to the end of his term in office, rather than just starting out. A provincial election is just six months away. The cynic in me is looking at this move as a cheap way for him to buy votes.

Just about the only real positive to come out of this announcement is that servers and bartenders will see their hourly rates brought up to par with other workers, up to \$15 an hour from the current \$12.55.

Given that many restaurants around Haliburton have struggled to find staff over the past several months, this should give them a bit of a boost.

But what overall impact is this rise going to have on minimum wage workers in Haliburton County? Likely not much. In 2019, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit said a 'living wage' in Haliburton was \$19.42. It has undoubtedly risen since then.

So, what can be done? A universal basic income, piloted in nearby Lindsay to some success in 2017, is an interesting concept, but surely far too expensive to ever come to fruition.

We need to see more creative thinking from our leaders if we're going to help our most vulnerable people get out of this mess. Because one thing's for sure – increasing the minimum wage by 65 cents an hour isn't going to change a thing.



By Mike Baker



# Editorial opinion

## LETTERS

### Group think in shoreline bylaw

*Dear editor,*

I am writing in response to the shoreline bylaw coverage in the Oct. 28 edition.

The goal of any program should be to reward the good and to encourage those not meeting the standard to improve.

If the bylaw was applied in a three-tiered manner, with the top tier, in total compliance, receiving the 10-metre allowance and the second and third tiers having 20-and 30-metre allowances that could change if they improved, then there would be considerable incentive to improve.

These allowances should be based on fact.

The phenomena of the “group think” leads us down the trail to the Abilene paradox, where everyone goes along with an idea because they think everyone wants it, when in fact they don’t.

If logic and science are not the sole drivers of this policy, then it should be stated so, and the influence of administrative and political expediency acknowledged. This will give the voters the information to determine who they will vote for in the next election.

**Robert G Miller**  
*Haliburton Lake*

### Holding federal MP accountable

*Dear editor,*

I’m not sure if it was Mike Baker’s intention to make MP Jamie Schmale sound uninformed, uneducated and blasé in the ‘HKPR thinking outside the box on drugs’ article on Oct. 28 but mission accomplished if it was.

On second thought, MP Schmale did that all by himself if the quote was accurate. That he “shot from the hip” without thinking or research was crystal clear to me at least. My regret is that Mr. Baker didn’t lead with Mr. Schmale’s comments because I’m not sure how many people read the entire article.

Do you agree that it’s important to highlight the actions of our elected representatives? I don’t believe he should be “hung out to dry” based on one comment however as citizens I believe we need to pay attention to what our representatives stand for more than reading their platforms once every four years. It’s your job to help us see what’s happening in our community and I think you do that very well.

Kudos to Mr. Baker for a well-researched and balanced take on a very important local and national issue and to you for approving it for print. When the professionals most closely impacted; in this case the health unit and police department support an initiative, I expect our elected representative to give the issue careful thought and research and Mr. Schmale and his team flunked out badly on this one in my opinion.

Thanks as well for bringing the Minden planning department management issues

to my attention. I wonder why you didn’t mention that in addition to the \$138,576.27 paid for six months of work, Mr. Clendening may have been paid significant severance as well? The fact that they are not yet actively recruiting for a replacement is very concerning. Elections will be interesting in 2022 I suspect.

**Cindy Thistle**  
*Minden*

### Mandate based on scientific evidence

*Dear editor,*

Douglas Smith’s letter, *The Highlander*, Oct. 28, 2021 needs a response.

To equate the divisiveness caused by apartheid with the “devisiveness” caused by the vaccine mandate is an insult to those who had to endure apartheid as my family did.

Apartheid had a daily detrimental impact on the lives of 80 per cent of the South African population whereas 80 per cent of the population of Ontario has no problem with the vaccine mandate. On the contrary, the majority welcome it.

Those who resist it demand the right to risk the health, well-being and even death of those under 12 years of age or those individuals receiving medical treatments that reduce their immune responses. If everyone who is able to take the vaccine had done so our situation would have been almost back to normal.

The Rails End Gallery is to be applauded for safeguarding the health of its patrons and for contributing to the earliest return possible to our pre-COVID living.

Apartheid was based on pure racism and no scientific evidence. The vaccine mandate is based on scientific evidence and logic.

**T.R. Isaacs MD**  
*Haliburton*

### On another planet?

*Dear editor,*

Reading Doug Smith’s letter, I was left wondering if he spent the last two years on another planet, and just got home.

Let me get this straight, he refuses to get vaccinated, and he is having a toot because he can’t flog his book in a public setting?

I guess he missed five million people have died from COVID-19, in some countries they ran out of wood to burn the bodies, or dirt to bury them in. The general impression I get is even though 75 per cent of Canadians are vaccinated and want to get to the new normal, 20 per cent don’t.

Anti-vaxxers seem to think if they accidentally infect a vulnerable person who dies, or tie up a hospital bed, and cancer or heart patients don’t get timely care and die, they are expendable?

Doug Ford didn’t bring in vaccine mandates because he wanted to, but because people like me in the 75 per cent wanted them. The corrupt incompetent Liberals didn’t get in because we loved them, but because they promised vaccine mandates.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



"Absolute peace" in Algonquin Highlands by Brenda-Lee Cunningham.

My business has been closed two years at a cost of \$200,000 and you are worried about your stupid book? We need people to feel safe to congregate, vaccine mandates will help, but I fear it will be quite awhile before we get to the new normal.

Might I suggest if you don’t believe in the science, if you get COVID-19 don’t tie up a hospital bed rush to the Vet and get Ivermectin, at the very least you will be dewormed. If you have a heart attack chew a bottle of low dose aspirin. If you have cancer drink green tea your body will heal itself.

**Keith Stata**  
*Kinmount*

### Boycotting anti-vaxxer's book

*Dear editor,*

In response to Douglas Smith’s letter. Sir, you are one of the reasons that we are not out of this COVID-19 pandemic yet.

You have a very narrow view of what is right and wrong. If you do not want to get vaccinated, stay home, we do not need you to spread this virus and infect others.

It’s too bad you cannot promote your book but get vaccinated like most of the people in this Country have and you will have no problems.

It’s funny when less than 10 per cent of the population has an issue and they cry the loudest. Do the right thing and get your shot. I will show my support on this issue by boycotting your book and not buying it because you are not vaccinated. Hopefully other artists are not influenced by you.

**Dean Buchinski**  
*Haliburton*

### Fall prevention month

*Dear editor,*

November is Fall Prevention Month. Good reminder to finally remove that throw rug that causes stumbles, fix the wonky stair rail, and replace the dimming light bulb at the front entry.

Many falls just offer cuts and bruises. But not all. And it’s those that really matter. Every family has sad stories of the grandfather who waited hours for help with a broken hip at the bottom of the basement stairs, the cousin now bedridden from a fall, or the sister still suffering back and shoulder problems from a nasty mis-step on an icy curb.

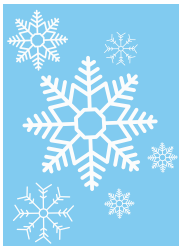
In COVID times, the last thing we want for ourselves or others is a stay in an ER or hospital. A catastrophic fall can mean severe, long-lasting pain and discomfort, disability, undesired change and disruption, and worst of all, loss of life.

The Fall Prevention Month Canada website [fallpreventionmonth.ca](http://fallpreventionmonth.ca) has compiled many valuable resources for older adults. Some include the “Staying Independent Checklist”, a tool for assessing your personal risk of falling; and the Public Health Agency of Canada resource “You Can Prevent Falls”, which offers helpful tips on improving home safety.

Falls can happen in any season but winter presents additional challenges and risks. Now may be the time to consider cleats for winter boots, and finally get around to attaching that metal grip to the cane. Let’s get prepared to put our best foot forward this winter.

**Margery Cartwright**  
*Aging Well Haliburton County*





# READY FOR Winter

## Easy steps to ready your home for winter's grip

By Mike Baker

Local home inspector Mike Rahme says there are lots of things property owners should be doing to properly prepare their homes and cottages for the winter season.

"Rule number one is to protect for freeze vulnerability," Rahme said. "So, if you're a seasonal resident, that means carrying out either a hard or soft shutdown of your water system."

A hard shutdown involves fully draining all water from pipes on your property. Begin by turning off all power to the water pump, hot water tank and ultraviolet light, opening all taps in the house, draining around 95 per cent of the water from all toilets and pouring antifreeze down all drains, and cycling it through utilities such as the dishwasher and washing machine. This should, Rahme said, protect a home against broken pipes and potential flooding while they're closed up for the season.

Soft shutdowns are similar. Most of the steps outlined above should be followed, with the exception of turning off/draining hot water tanks and the water pump's pressure tank. Soft shutdowns should only be utilized when a cottage owner will be back within 15 days.

Another important step, one for both temporary and permanent residents alike, is to ensure septic tanks are appropriately taken care of.

"How people take care of their septic systems is going to be different for every property owner. The main reason for that is that one of the things that we're finding that's having a big effect on septic systems is medications. People are taking medication to kill bacteria in themselves, but that same medication is also killing important bacteria in septic tanks," Rahme said.

A healthy septic system, Rahme says, generates three to four degrees Celsius of heat all winter long. These systems are typically rife with all sorts of bacteria. Should you have what is considered to be a weak septic immune system, then your tank is going to be more susceptible to freeze vulnerability, which is when cracks start to form.



Mike Rahme of HomePro Inspections said it's vital that property owners prepare their homes for winter. Photo by Mike Baker.

Rahme recommends all property owners top up their septic systems with bacteriological products that essentially create artificial bacteria. He also said it's a good idea to have at least six inches of earth insulating your septic system.

Clearing eavestroughs, disconnecting garden hoses and turning off outdoor taps, and inspecting and cleaning all attic vents are good ideas too, Rahme said. He also mentioned that people should invest some money to have someone come in and inspect trees on their property.

"A major concern throughout winter is deadwood in trees. Our weather has been upside down in recent years as far as having crazy windstorms, and experts are calling for a tough winter this year. If a storm hits and winds pick up, or there's a big load of snow dumped overnight, you could run into a situation where that deadwood comes down and crashes onto your house," Rahme said. "We have three or four really good arborist companies here in Haliburton County. It's really important to have someone come out and regularly inspect those trees, because you never know when they're going to come down."

One "fallacy" that Rahme says absolutely does not need to be done this winter is having someone in to

shovel off your roof.

"The roof above you is designed to take the loads of snow that we get every year. So be careful of the charlatans that are looking to shovel your roof. Not only is it unnecessary, it's dangerous and can actually damage your roof," he said.

Rahme also recommends that homeowners have their furnace inspected in the lead-up to winter, if anything just to make sure it's working properly.

"The last thing you want is to have a situation where your furnace breaks down and you're without heat for a potentially extended period of time," Rahme said.

And when it comes to keeping the critters away, Rahme says the key is to clean, clean and then clean some more.

"Rodents are the nemesis of the home and cottage owner in our part of the world, and it's so hard to keep them at bay. The important thing is to maintain good housekeeping, and don't leave any attractants lying around," Rahme said.

Some animals, such as raccoons, skunks, groundhogs, porcupines and even bears could take refuge in any crawl space that has outside access. The key there, again, is to keep those areas clean of rotted wood or garbage, which can draw in unwanted guests.

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# READY FOR Winter

## Getting your ship in shape for the freeze

By Sam Gillett

Just like taking the dock out of the lake, putting your snow tires on your car, or stocking up on firewood, it's important to ensure your boat is ready for winter.

"One of the most important parts is effectively wrapping your boat", said Cheryl Downs of Haliburton RPM, mentioning how those who store their boats under a tarp or ill-fitting boat wrap have more of a chance of finding mice or other critters living inside. Animals can also get into a secured cover; but there is a significantly less chance when every precaution is taken to ensure this doesn't happen.

One tip? Add fabric softener drying sheets to deter rodents from making a home.

Downs recommends having a good cover for your boat when sitting on your dock during the boating season. When a boat is exposed to constant pooling of water on the inside it will penetrate the fiberglass and any wood (floors and seat bases) and seats and saturate them. This creates an environment conducive for rot, mold and mildew. Good quality material and a well-designed cover will best protect your boat. RPM has found a one-piece cover is best for this to ensure no moisture gets in. That's why she doesn't recommend using a non-commercial tarp over the winter: "You want to wrap it. We recommend if you have a boat, any type of boat, you want the wrap to be as watertight as possible. The design shouldn't leave room for water or snow sit and pool on top of it or it will cause it to

collapse."

All boats stored with RPM are wrapped and technicians install "No Damp", pellets which collect excess moisture, and they vent the structure to prevent a musty surprise in spring. "We also don't store boats wet on the surface," she said. "It is key that new moisture isn't getting in after it is wrapped."

Water is also the enemy inside a boat's engine. Even a small amount of water can freeze and swell and water jackets can crack. That's why it's recommended to use non-toxic antifreeze (for temp -50 plus) on inboard and jet drive engines to ensure any water left in the engine block and water jackets will be diluted to prevent freezing. Fogging your engine will also ensure internal engine parts are protected against

corrosion. Stabilizing your fuel will also ensure the gas won't degrade which can damage fuel system components and can shorten your engine's lifespan. RPM also recommends changing your engine oil and gear oil annually.

Whether your boat is stored at a seasonal cottage, year-round home or boat storage facility, Downs strongly recommends owners get insurance specific to their boat. (For example, not combined with any of your other policies, like house insurance. "Depending on the location, there are gates and cameras, but at the end of the day the owner is responsible," she said. "And we can only do so much, mother nature sometimes has a mind of its own and things happen beyond our or your marina's control."



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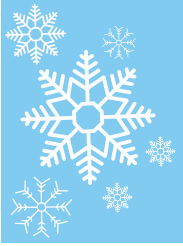
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# Highlander business



Shawn Butchart said his apparel and posters celebrate the County's rich history and lake culture, paying homage to the designs and retro feel of the '70s. Photo by Lindsay Campbell.

## A Blue Moon rises with new Haliburton online retro store

By Sam Gillett

Shawn Butchart spent many hours in a small shed on his parents' property near Redstone Lake this year, poring over topographical maps of Haliburton's lakes.

He wasn't charting a nautical journey; he was designing art for his new brand, Blue Moon Gift Shop.

Launching Nov. 4, Blue Moon will be an online shop featuring hyper-local posters, T-shirts, wall art and sweaters.

"The thing I really love about being in Haliburton is everywhere you look is a picturesque, beautiful view. Everywhere you look is beautiful," said Butchart. "I thought if I could capture even a little

portion of that and put it on a poster that I'd have something pretty good."

His designs range from the real-life overhead maps of Kennesis and Koshlong to apparel that celebrates tall tales and local culture, such as "Wilberforce Bigfoot Field Research Team" and Cardiff Motorcycle Club hats.

"I've got a real retro vibe going," Butchart said. With a background in graphic design and web development, Butchart said he enjoyed trying to convey the hazy summer atmosphere of a time long past. "The whole concept behind Blue Moon is I wish I woke up in 1970, and everything kind of looks like that."

Butchart calls the online store a "labour of

love" which marks a shift in his career. "I sort of decided I want to get back into more creative design: fun stuff that I really enjoy making," he said.

For Butchart, Blue Moon is also a way to celebrate the community he moved to 10 years ago - a place he and his partner plan to move to full-time when they start construction on a home next spring.

"I feel so at home and comfortable, I just love Haliburton," he said. "It's hard to put into words. I'm a more visual person so maybe you can see the love for it come across in my work."

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# Highlander education

## School board reports fewer suspensions

By Mike Baker

In what staff are calling “a bit of an anomaly,” Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) saw a significant decrease in the number of suspensions and expulsions dished out to students in the 2020/21 school year.

Superintendent of Learning, Paul Goldring, informed TLDSB trustees Oct. 26 that there were 780 infractions recorded last year – with 471 of those for secondary students and 309 for elementary. The main reasons listed for suspensions were conduct injurious to moral tone, fighting and/or violence, conduct injurious to others, opposition to authority, vandalism and bullying.

When compared with statistics from the prior year, 524 for secondary and 625 for elementary, that represents a near 33 per cent drop.

“It’s important to note that we had two periods of remote learning last year for significant blocks of time. In terms of looking at the last two years of data, it’s difficult to compare year-to-year and establish any sort of trends.”

During 2018/19, the last full school year that wasn’t interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, there were 809 secondary suspensions and 915 elementary suspensions.

Goldring noted that this past year was the first time that elementary infractions had exceeded secondary infractions.

The board permanently expelled eight students in 2020/21. Goldring noted expulsion was a “last resort” for the board, and were only considered after failed mediations with the student and parents.

“Mediation is something we have started to use more and more. The idea is it allows students to stay in school, but receive some level of support,” Goldring said. “The key factor here is we are looking at the situation and making sure the student is not a risk to the school, and other students.”

Further explaining the process, Goldring said school principals tend to take the lead with mediations.

“They will reach out to family and then try to come to a settlement. They will look at the period when the student can return to school, what type of support is needed

before they return, and, in a lot of cases, what ongoing support they will need after they’ve returned,” Goldring said. “We see mediation as a very successful tool for us to use. I really like it as it keeps kids in school and gets them the support they need. I see it as a tool we will use more often if we can.”

### Property ban lifted

Director of education, Wes Hahn, said visitors would be allowed back on TLDSB premises to attend outdoor functions, but maintained a ban on indoor visits.

“We are slowly moving in that direction (to open up schools to visitors), but there are timelines from the province for when that will take place. For now, we continue to limit visitors to school buildings,” Hahn said. “Even though the different seasons are coming to an end, we have decided to allow spectators to attend sporting events, while wearing a mask and [social] distancing. This is for outdoor only.”

Hahn said the main thing holding the board back from allowing indoor visits is requirements surrounding monitoring of vaccination statuses. He said it would be

impossible to have staff on hand to check each individual’s status, and that the board could not have people in the building they’re “not certain of.”

With many indoor sports and clubs set to start up heading into winter, Hahn hopes to receive direction from the province regarding reopening their facilities in the coming weeks.

“We will let parents and the community know when things change,” he said.

### Vaccinations

Haliburton County trustee Gary Brohman asked Hahn if TLDSB was tracking data on vaccination rates of its staff.

“We are, and I am pleased to report our vaccination rate is at approximately 87 per cent for staff,” Hahn said. “Our process is that staff have to report being fully vaccinated, being medically exempt, or if they’re [choosing] not to be [vaccinated].”

Any member of staff who isn’t vaccinated is required to participate in an education program highlighting the benefits of the vaccine, and submit to weekly COVID-19 testing and incident screening.”

## Climate crisis creation wins top prize

Taylor Horsely, a Grade 11 student at HHSS, won the school’s Combat Climate Crisis Project for her multimedia image of trees and vegetation transposed onto two lungs. On the image, Horsely placed the statement: “The trees are our lungs, we can’t breathe without them.”

Her work, selected by teacher Kathryn Darling, won her a set of art supplies, a tree planted at the school and a plaque, presented at the school by Roberta Fuller of Retired Teachers of Ontario on Oct. 26. (Sam Gillett)

Right: HHSS student Taylor Horsely was awarded a plaque and letters of congratulation from members of government after winning a climate change art contest Oct. 26.

Bottom from left: Art and Law teacher, Kathryn Darling, vice principal, Jennifer Mills, Taylor Horsely, Retired Teachers of Ontario executive member Roberta Fuller, chair Marilas Mcinnis, TLDSB trustee Gary Brohman and Wes Hahn, Director of Education. Photos by Sam Gillett.



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## Muskies dominate Storm

On Friday, Oct. 29, The Highland Storm Peppermill U15 Rep team faced off against The Lindsay Muskies U15 Rep team.

The first two minutes of the first period featured a lot of back-and-forth between the two teams but, unfortunately, Lindsay got control of the puck and refused to give it up. At the end of the first, the Muskies were up by seven.

In the second period, the Storm put up a good fight. They only allowed one goal by the Muskies.

In the third period, the home team kept fighting but were unable to put one in the net. The final score was 10-0 for the Muskies.

The next game for the Highland Storm Peppermill U15 is Nov. 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue arena vs the Ennismore Eagles. (Submitted).



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## Huskies hang on for win over division rivals

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Huskies held on for a 5-4 win over division rivals, the Lindsay Muskies, in a fast and physical game at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden Oct. 30.

With some costumed fans in attendance for the Halloween weekend tilt, the Huskies endured a couple of scares. They made five consecutive trips to the sin bin from 14:53 in the first until 11:12 in the second, giving up two power play goals in the game. Then, with Muskies' goalie, Ethan Fraser, on the bench late in the third, the fish scored at 17:29 to tighten the game. However, the Huskies held on for the win, improving their record to 7-4-0-0.

The Huskies opened the scoring at 11:28 of the first, with Bryce Richardson scoring his first goal of the season, assisted by Nathan Porter and Riley Rogers. Just a little over a minute later, they scored their second goal, an even strength marker, by Christian Stevens, his first, with helpers from Patrick Saini and Oliver Tarr. The dogs started to get into penalty trouble and late in the period, the Muskies scored on Christian Cicigoi, at 17:54, to make it Huskies 2-1 going into the second period.

Stevens scored again at the 11 second mark of the second to put the Huskies up 3-1, with Richardson and Nick Athanasakos getting the helpers. But another Huskies' penalty put the Muskies on another power play and they found the



The Huskies bench celebrates a goal. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

back of the net at 8:10 to make it a 3-2 game. The Huskies' Tarr answered back at 17:05, assisted by Stevens, to make it 4-2 Huskies heading into the third.

The Muskies kept fighting back and made it 4-3 at the midway mark of the last frame. But the Huskies replied with a second Richardson goal from Jack Staniland to pull ahead 5-3. With Fraser watching from the bench and the Muskies with six skaters, they found the back of the net to make it a

nail-biting 5-4. But the defence and Cicigoi closed the door.

Two-goal scorer, Stevens, said it was a nice win to get under their belts. "We played hard, a little sloppy in the end, but we got the job done so it doesn't really matter."

Commenting on a four-game win streak, he added, "streaks mean a lot in this game so if we stay hot, I think we're going to keep going and I'm excited to be here and I

think it's going to be great."

Richardson, who also notched two tallies, said, "It's been a slow start for me this year so two goals tonight is definitely really nice, a couple of good bounces, a great play by Jack Staniland on the second one there. But it's just nice to get the win." He said the Nov. 5 game against Trenton will be a good test for the team.

The Huskies return home Nov. 6 against St. Michael's and play in Cobourg Nov. 8.

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Top left: The Huskies celebrate the first marker of the game. Top right: #9 Oliver Tarr battles Gunnar Van Damme for the puck. Bottom left: #73, Kolby Poulin, races the puck up ice. Bottom middle: #17, Christian Stevens, heads up ice. Bottom right: The puck slides past Muskies' goalie, Ethan Fraser, for the first Huskies' goal. Photos by Lisa Gervais.



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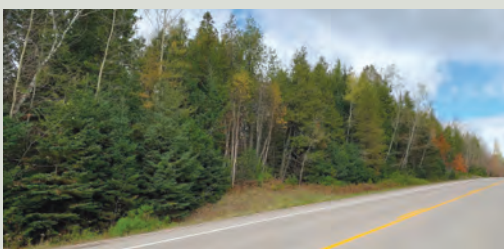
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# Highlander health

## HHHS prepares for Epic software

By Sam Gillett

HHHS is preparing for a major shift in healthcare record keeping. In partnership with six other healthcare service centres in Ontario, the services will launch Epic, a new clinical information software system, Dec. 3.

HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer said it will streamline patient information across the service.

It also requires new equipment such as vital sign machines and Workstations on Wheels, funded by the HHHS foundation.

"Staff are going through training and there's a lot of work to be done," Plummer told the HHHS board Oct. 28. "It's a very significant change in their practice."

First rolled out in Canada in 2015, Epic is a growing medical software system, which is now used in 134 Canadian hospitals.

The system means Haliburton patients' medical records will be synced between all seven hospitals that have partnered together to implement the system.

"Because we are a small hospital, we rely very much on the services offered by other hospitals in our region," Plummer said, explaining how many Haliburton residents receive care in Peterborough, for example.

"It will mean one medical record can be securely accessed by each medical provider."

Previously, a new medical record had to be created for each medical centre they might receive service in.

"The healthcare professionals will be able to have better information at their fingertips, and patients won't have to be asked the same questions over and over again," Plummer said.

She also said the system will automatically prompt nurses, physicians and aides when certain care procedures are needed.

"I think it's going to have a really positive impact on patients," Plummer said.

Patients can also access their own records

online, view and cancel appointments and communicate with healthcare providers.

### Nursing Advisory Committee meets

A new committee is focused on supporting and improving the experience of HHHS nurses.

The Nursing Advisory Council had its first meeting Oct. 25.

Plummer reported that the committee is meant to "better understand the current nursing environment and determine ways to support it."

She said the committee has already begun to review service areas such as dietary workflow on inpatient services. She said that early in October nurses conducted a walk-through exercise in the Haliburton emergency department to determine improvement opportunities such as changing supply quantity orders and improving communication processes.

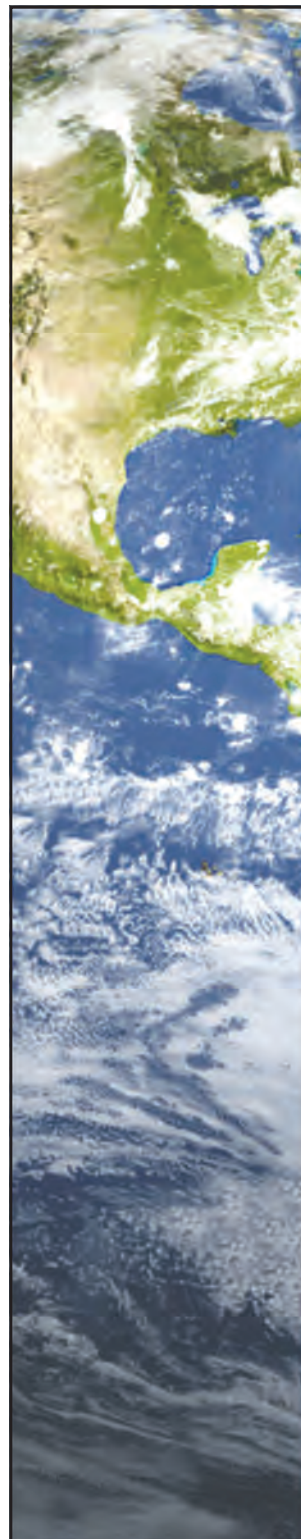
### New call systems at LTC

Work is set to begin on installing a new call bell system in Hyland Crest and Highland Wood long-term care homes.

Funded by the HHHS foundation, the call systems are an electronic notification system which will allow residents to call staff. It's the same as is currently in use at the health service's main hospital location.

It will correspond with additional display stations so that nurses and PSWs don't have to report to a nurse's station to see the location of the call.

"The residents won't really notice any change," Plummer said. "There will still be a button they use to call the nursing staff. But the nursing staff and PSWs in the team will certainly notice a difference."



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Both workshop will involve some writing. For this participants will need to bring a notebook & pen. There is no need for artistic ability or past experience in the arts. This is a workshop where you set the pace and level of comfort. You will have available to you a wide variety of art supplies.

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## Rotary volunteers heading back to vaccine clinics

By Lisa Gervais

They only got around to holding their volunteer appreciation event Oct. 31, but members of the Minden Rotary Club are headed back to the town's community centre as more COVID vaccination clinics are being scheduled by the local health unit.

Sally Moore held the celebration event at Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast with HKPR medical officer of health, Dr. Natalie Bocking, dropping in to thank more than 200 helpers for staffing 40 total clinic days.

According to Moore, the numbers

included assisting with 20,000 jabs. She added 32 people volunteered for 10 or more shifts, earning them the title of community heroes. It worked out to 5,400 shift volunteer hours and approximately 1,000 administrative hours.

"It's all about a celebration of you and the generosity of your time over the summer when your community needed you," Moore said.

For more information, such as if you are interested in volunteering for the next batch of clinics, contact Moore at 705-286-4922 or email volunteer@mindenrotary.ca. You can also check out mindenrotary.ca.

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# Highlander veterans

## Poppies about remembering our vets, says Legion

By Mike Baker

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

The iconic words of Laurence Binyon, penned in his poem *For the Fallen*, are often revisited at this time of the year as people look back on and commemorate the sacrifices of our Canadian veterans.

Haliburton Legion president Don Pitman recited them as he helped to kick off the annual poppy campaign in town Oct. 29.

"Why do we do this? It's the three classic words, lest we forget," Pitman said.

From now until Nov. 11, poppies will be available in more than 100 businesses across Haliburton. While donations are not required, Pitman said any money given goes directly towards supporting and helping veterans. In 2020, the Haliburton Legion raised around \$24,000 through its poppy campaign.

All of that money was sent to the Ontario Legion's central command and divvied up from there. Pitman says he knows of several local veterans who received money to help with one-time and ongoing costs, while the community's cadet group and 'Vet to Vet' support program was also backed.

"This community has always been very, very supportive of the poppy campaign. We had one of our best years last year, and we're definitely hoping for another strong campaign this year," Pitman said.

Volunteers will be on hand with

poppy boxes at Foodland, Todd's Your Independent Grocer, Napa Auto Parts and Tim Hortons all day Nov. 5-7.

Remembrance Day has always been a big deal for Pitman, who had several family members involved in the First and Second World Wars.

"I had two grandfathers, my father and my uncle who all saw time in the military. My grandfathers saw action in the First World War, while my uncle served during the Second World War," Pitman said. "But this day is as much about new veterans as it is remembering those [who served in the Great Wars]. The perfect example of that is Afghanistan and everything that went on there."

With the Asian nation recently falling back into Taliban control, Pitman said many veterans who completed tours during Canada's involvement in the War on Terror have been left questioning their service.

"There are a lot of veterans who lost a lot of friends over there. We lost 165 Canadians over there ... Some of the people that came back, who have already been dealing with things like Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, have needed additional resources to help them get over the fact that all those lives have been lost, and yet the country fell back to where it was," Pitman said.

He added, "Remembrance Day is important, number one so that we never forget. Because if you forget, then history will repeat itself."



Larry Dack is all smiles as he collects his poppy from Haliburton Legion president Don Pitman Oct. 29. Photo by Mike Baker.

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# Highlander outdoors

## Winterdance 'beyond excited' for season

By Mike Baker

Dogsledding will return to Haliburton County next month with Winterdance Dogsled Tours announcing they plan to reopen for the season on Dec. 10.

Tanya McCready told *The Highlander* it will be "business as usual" for the local operation, who are set to usher in their 23rd year in the community.

"We are beyond excited to get going again – us and the dogs!" she said.

The news follows Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserves recent declaration that it would be shutting down its dogsledding operation effective immediately. On Oct. 21, the organization issued a letter to the community outlining its reasons for exiting the business.

"There are numerous challenges facing the dogsledding business, including unpredictable winter weather patterns, changing group experience profiles, shortages of professional animal care staff and rising health care costs for dogs," the letter reads.

Tegan Legge, general manager of the Forest, said the organization would now be prioritizing self-guided, low-impact outdoor experiences such as hiking and fishing. She also mentioned the Forest intends to "replace" its dogsledding operations with a different portfolio of experiences in the coming winters. Haliburton Forest had maintained a dogsledding program for more

than 20 years.

McCready said she and partner, Hank DeBruin, have adopted 11 of the dogs Haliburton Forest owned for its dogsledding program.

As she looks ahead to the upcoming season, McCready said Winterdance will continue to offer much of the same tour options as in past years.

"We will have half-day, two-hour, moonlight and full-day tours. The half-day is our most popular offering, while the two-hour tours are great for young families or folks on tighter timelines," McCready said. "The programs and systems we have built over the past 22 years have worked really well for us. We normally welcome over 2,000 guests from around the world every season."

Last year was a bit of an anomaly for Winterdance and the McCreadys. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they had to drastically reduce their offerings, leading to a 70 per cent reduction in usual winter income. The couple helped to offset that loss through the release of *Journey of 1,000 Miles*, a sequel to the previously published *Iditarod Dreamer*. The book became an international bestseller, and helped McCready and DeBruin to establish a popular virtual speaking tour.

Over the past eight months, the couple have led dozens of presentations that have streamed virtually to audiences across Canada, the U.S., Central and



Winterdance Dogsled Tours will soon be starting up again. Regular mushers such as Cali, Ace, Hali, Devil and Gem, pictured, will be back in action. *Submitted.*

South America and Europe focusing on overcoming challenges, leading through times of change, teamwork and chasing dreams. All of those stories, McCreary says, were inspired by lessons the pair have

learned through their many adventures in Haliburton and beyond.

To learn more about Winterdance Dogsled Tours and their offerings, visit [winterdance.com](http://winterdance.com).



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# Highlander events

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## Tricks and treats

Costume-clad families descended on the grounds of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Oct. 30 for the township's trick and treat event. There were plenty of activity stations to keep everyone happy. There was also an individual and family costume contest with prizes. (Lisa Gervais).

Left: The township's Elisha Weiss was on hand to guide tricksters and treaters through one of the games. Right: Callum McGee was busy putting out fires.



## Haliburton Trunk or Treat at Head Lake

Cars and candy went hand-in-hand at Lakeside Church's Trunk or Treat event Oct. 31. Families travelled over the Head Lake Park bridge and Haliburton residents handed out sweets from the trunks of their decorated cars along the waterfront. (Sam Gillett).

Left: HHSS Interact club members collected non-perishable food donations. Right: Macie Bjelis, Alivia Brown, Annabelle Borgdorff and Isaac Borgdorff, handed out candy in costume. Photos by Sam Gillett.



# What's on

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## HIFF returns for solo movie watching

By Sam Gillett

Haliburton International Film Festival is back. Virtual HIFF will run Nov. 5-7 and organizers have prepped a list of films available on streaming sites that attendees can watch and then discuss on the festival's Facebook page and Zoom calls.

"We felt we had enough films now that were a little bit off the beaten track that we could recommend," said one of the organizers, Tammy Rea.

Everyone taking part will watch the movies on their own, on their own schedule. All the films are available on streaming platforms such as Crave, Amazon Prime, and Netflix. All three platforms offer free trials.

"We thought we'll make it easy, we'll recommend you watch them in this order but you don't have to, we'll give you lots of time and we'll have a good chat on our Facebook site and we'll also have a couple of Zoom calls where you can hang out and chat about it," Rea said.

HIFF said they kept the films as upbeat as possible. "Because people aren't going to be together in the theatre, we want to make sure it's more positive," Rea said.

The festival includes movies such as Quebexit, a satire exploring Quebec independence, and Minari, a Korean film about relocating to rural Arkansas.

Black Bear is a darkly comedic thriller filmed in Canada: "I watched it three times," said Rea,



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"And I still didn't understand what happened."  
That's why Rea and co-organizers are excited to host Zoom calls throughout the

weekend to discuss the films. HIFF will also post video introductions to each on their Facebook page, and link interviews to watch after each one.

The full list of films, introductory videos and information about Zoom calls can be found on HIFF's Facebook page, facebook.com/HIFF.13.



### 2022 Municipal Election

#### Joint Compliance Audit Committee Members

The Corporations of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, the Township of Minden Hills, the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Municipality of Highlands East, are currently seeking interested applicants from professionals who are required to adhere to codes of standards of their profession, and other individuals with in depth knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* for appointment to a **Joint Compliance Audit Committee**.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee has full delegation of the authority in the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, to address applications requesting an audit of a candidate's election campaign finances. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Review applications and grant or reject audit requests
- Where an audit is granted, appoint an auditor and review the audit report
- Where indicated, decide whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee will consist of members appointed by each Council. Committee members must have the ability to understand and apply the election campaign finance provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and should be considered impartial with respect to their ability to fulfill their responsibilities. Preference shall be given to candidates that have applicable experience in accounting, law, law enforcement and academics from related fields.

#### Preferred Qualifications:

- (a) Accounting and audit – accountants or auditors with experience in preparing or auditing the financial statements of municipal candidates;
- (b) Academic – college or university professors with expertise in political science or local government administration;
- (c) Legal; and
- (d) Other individuals with knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Members of the public interested in serving on this Committee are asked to submit a resume, and covering letter, marked "Confidential" no later than Noon on November 30, 2021 to:

**Robyn Rogers, Clerk**  
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For further information, please contact Robyn Rogers, Clerk by email at [rogers@highlandseast.ca](mailto:rogers@highlandseast.ca)

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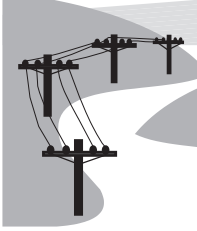
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## OBITUARIES



### In Loving Memory of William "Bill" Johnston

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Friday morning, October 29, 2021 in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Jane Johnston.

Loving father of Tamara and Mark. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Blake & Sydney. Predeceased by his brothers Donald, Jack and by his sister Doris. Bill was the Auto Shop School Teacher with Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for over 30 years. He enjoyed playing golf, hockey, gardening, music and spending time in the Harburn Bush. Most of all, Bill enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

#### Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday morning, November 19, 2021 for a Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Please RSVP by visiting Bill's notice online at <https://www.communityfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Bill-Johnston> or by calling the Funeral Home. Masks must be worn. You will be required to provide photo ID and proof of your second Covid-19 vaccination to attend this event. For those who wish to view the Memorial Service virtually, please click the following link on the day of service 5 minutes prior to service time <https://join.skype.com/UprOI0v213yG> As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family.



### In Loving Memory of Joseph "Joe" Wallace John Nicholson

Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, October 31, 2021, at the age of 83.

Joe will be greatly missed by the love of his life, Mary Beaver and he will be sadly missed by his children Joey (Mel), Daniel, Wayne, Tim (Marna), Paula (Ivan) and Cathy (Scott). He was Papa to Joey Jr., Jessica, Vanessa (Zack), Brianna (Andrew), Allyssa (Warren), Cassandra (Brahm), Jessica (Jason), Gene (Amanda), Mathew (Katie), Jessie (Benji), Tyler, Shelby, Jordan (Dylan) and Great Papa to Blair, Faith, Destiny, Brody, Benson, Olivia, Abigail and Hannah. Dear brother of Mike (Barb).

Joe was best known for being a comedian, entertainer and a singer of country music who travelled around Ontario to many jamborees, the Dominion Hotel and many others. He was lucky enough to have played with Doc Williams and the Chicks in Wheeling West Virginia, the Minden Post Masters at the Royal York, The Post Family and many others, with Mary always by his side. Joe's record collection is one of the 7 wonders of the world. Records of all kinds and old time music memorabilia was his passion throughout his life.

Joe will be sadly missed by his family, friends and fans. The family will greatly miss but forever remember, Joe playing the guitar at many family functions with everyone singing along. "I've been everywhere"

A Memorial Visitation to Celebrate Joe's Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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  - 16 Vietnam's Ho Chi \_\_\_\_
  - 17 Fan mag couple with a rocky marriage
  - 19 Me, myself \_\_\_\_
  - 20 Trip starter for a narcissist?
  - 21 Fawty player on the BBC
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  - 24 Interoffice notes
  - 26 Dudes' tight friendship
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  - 33 Hilo hello
  - 36 Not long-winded
  - 37 Blended "language" spoken in Québec
  - 39 "... fetch \_\_\_\_ of water"
  - 42 Room seldom shown to guests
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  - 46 Peterborough-born comic Seán \_\_\_\_
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  - 50 Past events, from a female angle
  - 53 "Nifty!"
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  - 64 "Ye \_\_\_\_ Curiosity Shoppe"
  - 65 Describing word that's a person, place or thing
  - 66 Lovey-dovey sound
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  - 68 Prefix meaning "earthquake"
  - 69 Slop house?

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  - 4 The word infinitesimal, size-wise
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  - 6 Campaign promise of Donald Trump
  - 7 Ex-Blue Jays pitcher Dave
  - 8 German indefinite article
  - 9 Word with "one good" or "no good"
  - 10 Thurman of "Kill Bill"
  - 11 Cabernet maker
  - 12 Installs, as to the Hall of Fame
  - 13 Kind of checkers
  - 18 Busy time at a diner
  - 22 :-), for example
  - 24 Commons workers, for short
  - 25 O'Hara of Tara
  - 27 Jungle knuckle-draggers
  - 29 That lady, in Lisbon
  - 30 Canadian home building store

- 34 Upstanding figure?: Abbr.
- 35 Prov. dubbed Wild Rose Country
- 37 Son, in Saguenay
- 38 Give a hand
- 39 Want so badly it hurts
- 40 Foolishly childlike
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- 49 One with a cell number?
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